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September 3, 2003

Ref: 394-22218

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
7500' Zone, Reservoir D  
Bastian Bay FIELD  
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating 7500' Zone, Reservoir D, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 496 acres for the 7500' Zone, Reservoir D, designated as the 7500' RD SUA, Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 7500' Zone, Reservoir D, in the Bastian Bay Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 7,504 feet and 8,090 feet (electrical log measurements) in Phillips Petroleum Company-LL&E No. 27 Well, located in Section 38, Township 20

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South, Range 29 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,390 feet and 8,975 feet in the LGS Exploration, Inc.-Campbellton No. 4 Well, located in Section 6, Township 21 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated August 20, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2003. No requests to confer were received with in writing or by telephone, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively schedule conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

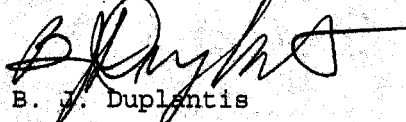
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 7500' Zone, Reservoir D, Bastian Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

